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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

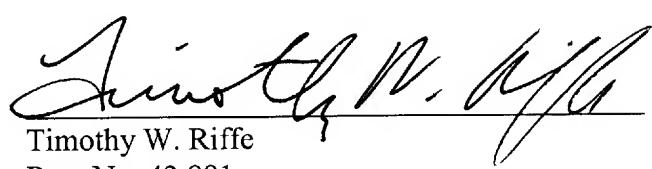
On July 17, 2007, Examiner Peffley conducted an in-person interview with Phyllis K. Kristal and Timothy W. Riffe, Attorneys for the Applicants.

Applicants requested information on how to have certain IDS citations, previously not considered for failure to provide a date, considered and printed on the patent. The Examiner agreed to consider the references and provide initialed copies of those pages of the PTO Form 1449's that contained the cites previously not considered if a list of dates for those citations were provided. The Supplemental Notice of Allowance, mailed August 16, 2007, included the pages of the PTO Form 1449 that have a year written in for those references previously not considered, and also indicating the references have now been considered. According to the Examiner, the claims of record are deemed to distinguish over these prior art references.

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Respectfully submitted,

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